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1. Since the beginning of 1949, financial aid from the Soviet Legation in Beirut has not been sufficient to defray the expenses of the Lebanese Communist Party. Party leaders have instructed the section chiefs to require that every member of the Communist Party contribute a minimum of two Lebanese pounds per month; the actual amount to be paid by each member will be determined by the individual's income. For example, wealthy members such as Antun Tabit, 'Abdullah Adra, Ilyas Bitar and Dr. Samih Alan-al-Din would each pay between LL 200 - 500 a month, in addition to funds which they are expected to contribute in time of need, source asserts.
2. Source states that the Soviet Legation has announced that the decrease in its financial aid to the Party is because of difficulties connected with bringing money into the country.
3. Hasan Quraytim, a Communist Party leader, has been made "General Responsible Officer" of the Party. Source adds that all funds collected by and contributed to the Party are spent by the Central Committee as it sees fit; expenditures are not checked by anyone outside of the Central Committee.

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